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Report of the Secretary-General

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Summary

The present report contains the performance report for the budget of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003.

Expenditures for the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 have been linked to the objective of the Logistics Base through a results-based framework under a support component.

Performance of financial resources
(Thousands of United States dollars. Budget year is from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003.)

Category	*Apportionment*	*Expenditure*	*Variance*	
			Amount	*Percentage*
Civilian personnel	6 336.9	6 863.9	(527.0)	(8.3)
Operational requirements	7 956.3	7 583.6	372.7	4.7
Gross requirements	**14 293.2**	**14 447.5**	**(154.3)**	**(1.1)**
Staff assessment income	1 077.0	1 086.9	(9.9)	(0.9)
Net requirements	**13 216.2**	**13 360.6**	**(144.4)**	**(1.1)**
Voluntary contributions in kind (budgeted)	—	—	—	—
Total requirements	**14 293.2**	**14 447.5**	**(154.3)**	**(1.1)**

Human resources incumbency performance

Category	*Approved*[a]	*Planned (average)*	*Actual (average)*	*Vacancy rate (percentage)*[b]
International staff	35	31	25	19.7
National staff	95	85	83	6.8

[a] Represents the highest level of authorized strength.
[b] Based on monthly incumbency and approved monthly strength.

The actions to be taken by the General Assembly are set out in section V of the present report.

I. Introduction

1. The budget for the maintenance of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 was set out in the report of the Secretary-General of 14 March 2002 (A/56/871) and amounted to $16,178,400 gross ($14,796,300 net). It provided for 41 international staff and 145 national staff. On the basis of the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraph 24 of its report dated 12 April 2002 (A/56/887/Add.10), the General Assembly, by its resolution 56/289 of 27 June 2002, appropriated an amount of $14.3 million gross ($13.2 million net) for the maintenance of the Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003. The approved budget provided for 35 international and 95 national staff. The total amount has been assessed on Member States.

II. Mandate performance

2. The United Nations Logistics Base has been in operation since late 1994 under a rent-free arrangement with Italy. The memorandum of understanding regarding the use by the United Nations of the facilities was signed by the Secretary-General and Italy on 23 November 1994 and amended on 7 December 2001.

3. The Logistics Base is mandated to help the Security Council achieve an overall objective, namely, to ensure effective and efficient peacekeeping operations.

4. Within this overall objective, the Logistics Base has, during the performance report period, contributed to the expected accomplishment by delivering related key outputs, shown in the framework below. The framework has been presented along five programmatic lines, namely, maintenance of assets and facilities, supply and warehousing, communication and information technology, training and air operations.

5. The frameworks represent a shift towards a results-based budgeting approach. The 2002/03 budget did not include a standard framework for planned results, which would have been the baseline against which performance would be measured and reported. Therefore, the mandate performance of the Logistics Base is presented in a transitional format showing the actual indicators of achievement and actual outputs during the 2002/03 period for which information was available.

Component 1: Support

Expected accomplishments	*Actual indicators of achievement*
1.1 Increased efficiency and effectiveness in conducting, managing, directing and supporting peacekeeping operations	1.1.1 Damaged sea shipments reduced from 0.1% of total dispatched/outgoing shipments in 2001/02 to 0% in 2002/03 and damaged air shipments reduced from 0.07% in 2001/02 to 0.01 per cent in 2002/03
	1.1.2 Network (satellite and terrestrial connections) with services to all peacekeeping missions, which includes telephone calls, e-mail messages, Internet, Lotus Notes, databases and MARS facsimile data, was operational 99.5% of the time

Actual outputs

Maintenance of assets and facilities

- Managed and maintained the following:
  - Shelving of 5 transport buildings
  - Waterproofing in 1 building
  - Graveled area of 9,600m^2 next to the satellite farm
  - Constructed new 750 m asphalt road in operational area
  - Maintained 4 United Nations Logistics Base vehicle lifts, 47 central heating systems, a central air conditioning system and 23 mechanical doors of warehouse
  - Repaired 15% of the damaged concreted runway areas
  - Installed softwall workshops by enlarging 4 concrete slabs by 25%
  - Wired, buried and installed electrical cables from the power station to the buildings in San Pancrazio
- Maintained 44 buildings and open storage areas of 365,705m^2
- Installed a 500 kVA generator for back-up supply in the Base's operational area
- Installed dehumidifying system in the information technology warehouse building
- Installed jet-blast wall at aeroplane taxi area Bravo Papa and Bravo 7
- Installed fire safety systems in 4 buildings

Supply and warehousing

- 1,394 incoming shipments recorded by the Receiving and Inspection Unit and 1,214 incoming shipments processed by Movements Control Unit, weighing a total of 8,500 tons
- 122 shipments of cargo to peacekeeping missions, including preparation, loading, customs formalities, raising requisitions, requesting insurance coverage, tracking of shipments and certification of vendor invoices, broken down by method of shipment as follows:
  - 64 air commercial aircraft shipments weighing 19.7 tons
  - 15 United Nations aircraft shipments weighing 156.9 tons
  - 29 sea commercial shipments weighing 509.6 tons
  - 14 United Nations convoy shipments weighing 240.9 tons

Communication and information technology

- Maintained worldwide communication and information technology networks for peacekeeping, missions and headquarters including provision of worldwide voice, video and data network
- Installed an EMC Corporation-built real time data storage for Department of Peacekeeping Operations critical data backup
- Installed a Stonesoft Corporation-built firewall cluster and CISCO Network Intrusion D tection System for maximum Department of Peacekeeping Operations network security against hacking or attacks
- Handled 65 information technology problem-reporting calls daily (from 12 missions)
- Procured approximately 6% Communication and Information Technology Service strategic deployment stocks

Training

- Hosted 100 courses for 1,228 participants (from 12 missions)

Air operations

- Handled 150 aircraft movements

III. Resource performance

A. Financial resources

(Thousands of United States dollars. Budget year is from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003.)

Category	Apportionment (1)	Expenditure (2)	Variance Amount (3) = (1) - (2)	Variance Percentage (4) = (3) ÷ (1)
Civilian personnel				
International staff	2 823.3	3 051.9	(228.6)	(8.1)
National staff	3 513.6	3 812.0	(298.4)	(8.5)
United Nations Volunteers	—	—	—	—
Subtotal	**6 336.9**	**6 863.9**	**(527.0)**	**(8.3)**
Operational costs				
General temporary assistance	—	—	—	—
Government-provided personnel	—	—	—	—
Civilian electoral observers	—	—	—	—
Consultants	—	—	—	—
Official travel	10.5	5.2	5.3	50.5
Facilities and infrastructure	285.1	281.5	3.6	1.3
Ground transportation	2 973.7	2 730.6	243.1	8.2
Air transportation	1 390.6	1 028.4	362.2	26.0
Naval transportation	—	—	—	—
Communications	—	—	—	—
Information technology	1 123.2	1 142.0	(18.8)	(1.7)
Medical	1 023.5	1 004.6	18.9	1.8
Special equipment	36.0	25.8	10.2	28.3
Other supplies, services and equipment	—	—	—	—
Quick-impact projects	1 113.7	1 365.4	(251.7)	(22.6)
Subtotal	—	—	—	—
Gross requirements	**7 956.3**	**7 583.6**	**372.7**	**4.7**
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B. Other income and adjustments

Category	*Amount (Thousands of US dollars)*
Interest income	2 838.0
Other/miscellaneous income	118.0
Voluntary contributions in cash	—
Prior period adjustments	—
Savings on, or cancellation of prior-period obligations	372.0
Total	**3 328.0**

C. Non-budgeted contributions

Category	*Actual value (Thousands of US dollars)*
Memorandum of understanding[a]	1 058.8
Voluntary contributions in kind (non-budgeted)	—
Total	**1 058.8**

[a] Inclusive of office buildings, workshop structures and warehouse structures from the Republic of Italy.

IV. Analysis of variances[1]

	Variance	
International staff	($228.6)	(8.1%)

6. Additional requirements were due mainly to post adjustment, which increased each subsequent month from 4.4 per cent in July 2002 to 22.5 per cent in June 2003.

	Variance	
National staff	($298.4)	(8.5%)

7. Additional requirements were due mainly to the appreciation of the euro as compared to the United States dollar during the financial period.

	Variance	
Consultants	$5.3	50.5%

8. Reduced requirements were due mainly to the reduced cost of consultancy services for the design and upgrading of Buildings 92 and 94.

[1] Resource variance amount are expressed in thousands of United States dollars.

	Variance	
Facilities and infrastructure	$243.1	8.2%

9. Reduced requirements relate mainly to the regular maintenance of three ground power units, which was not required, as two out of three units were transferred to the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and strategic deployment stocks.

	Variance	
Ground transportation	$362.2	26.0%

10. Reduced requirements were due to the receipt of three light forklifts, two medium forklifts, one light recovery truck and one 44-passenger bus from liquidation related to the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

	Variance	
Medical	$10.2	28.3%

11. Reduced requirements were due to the procurement of same quality medical supplies from local instead of international vendors, thus saving on freight charges.

	Variance	
Other supplies, services and equipment	($251.7)	(22.6%)

12. Additional requirements were the result of unbudgeted losses on exchange resulting from the appreciation of the euro.

V. Actions to be taken by the General Assembly

13. **The actions to be taken by the General Assembly in connection with the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, are:**

(a) **To approve the additional requirements of $154,300 gross for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003;**

(b) **To apply other income/adjustments for the period ended 30 June 2003 amounting to $3,328,000 from interest income ($2,838,000), other/miscellaneous income ($118,000) and savings on or cancellation of prior-period obligations ($372,000) to offset the additional requirements in paragraph (a) above;**

(c) **To decide on treatment of the balance of other income/adjustments for the period ended 30 June 2003 amounting to $3,173,700.**